

Woodbury, pastor of the society of which Mr. Hutchins was a member, preached an appropriate discourse from Job 5: 26: "Thou shalt come to thy grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

The masonic fraternity, of which Mr. Hutchins was a member, were also in attendance, dressed in their regalia, and the front of the Phenix Hotel was draped in mourning. Mr. Hutchins was a large, portly man, about six feet in height, of fair complexion—a little florid—blue eyes, and, on account of being near sighted, always wore spectacles. Attached himself to the Whig party, his hotel became the common boarding place of the Whig members of the Legislature; but in it all men, of all parties and sects, received impartial attention and good entertainment.\*

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### No. 3.

### ECCLESIASTICAL.

A SUCCINCT ACCOUNT, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR RISE, OF THE SEVERAL CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN CONCORD, WITH BRIEF SKETCHES OF MINISTERS.

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#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

This church was formed November 18, 1730, of eight members, including Rev. Timothy Walker, who was the same day ordained pastor. The history of this church, until 1825, is incorporated with that of the town, and has been given already at sufficient length in preceding pages. From its first organization till the present time it has been distinguished for harmony and steadfastness.

During the ministry of Rev. Dr. Bouton, up to the present time, there have been added to the church 662 members, of whom 197 were received on recommendation, and 465 on profession.†

In April, 1833, at the request of members residing in the West Parish, twenty-seven males and sixty-one females were dismissed and recommended, to be organized into a new Congregational church, there located. In November, 1836, sixty-seven members, viz., twenty-two males and forty-five females, were, at their request, dismissed and recommended, for the purpose of constituting a new Congregational church at the south part of Concord main village; and in March, 1842, forty-four members, living on the east side of the river—fourteen males and thirty females—requested to be dismissed and recommended, to be organized into a new Congregational

\* See "Hutchins family."

† See, for further particulars, Church Records, and printed Discourse on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, 1850.

church in that section, which request was also granted. These successive changes—all which took place harmoniously, and with the hearty consent of the First church—reduced its members from about 540 to 252. In 1842 a new meeting-house was built for the use of the First Congregational church and society, which was dedicated November 23, 1842, and public worship on the Sabbath commenced November 27. The house has since been enlarged. Previous to which time—October 27 and 28—a farewell service was held by the four Congregational churches in the old North meeting-house, at which the pastors of the several churches were present and took a part. About 550 communicants of the four sister churches then partook together of the Lord's Supper. It is believed that public worship on the Sabbath has never failed to be observed by this church since its first organization in 1730. No difficulty has ever existed in it which required the advice and action of an ecclesiastical council. Its pastors who have deceased are all interred in the old burying-ground, and the average ministry of the pastors, till the present time, is about twenty-nine years.\*

In the First Church the following persons have officiated as deacons, viz. :

	Elected.	Died.	Age.
John Merrill, . . . . .	December 17, 1730.		
Ephraim Farnum, . . . . .	August, 1731. . . . .	1775 . . . . .	80
Joseph Hall.			
George Abbot, . . . . .	1746. . . . .	1784 . . . . .	77
John Kimball, . . . . .	September, 1789. . . . .	1817 . . . . .	78
David Hall, . . . . .	September, 1789. . . . .	1821 . . . . .	82
Joseph Hall, . . . . .	September, 1789. . . . .	1807 . . . . .	70
Jonathan Wilkins, . . . . .	September, 1811. . . . .	1830 . . . . .	75
Abiel Rolfe, . . . . .	September, 1811. . . . .	1840 . . . . .	59
Thomas W. Thompson, . . . . .	July, 1818. . . . .	1821 . . . . .	56
Nathaniel Ambrose, . . . . .	July, 1818. . . . .	1849 . . . . .	85
Nathan Ballard, Jr., 1818, resigned.			
Samuel Fletcher, 1825, dismissed to South church.			
Ira Rowell, 1829, dismissed to West church.			
James Moulton, Jr., 1829.			
John B. Chandler, 1833, dismissed to South church.			
Samuel Morril, 1837.			
Ezra Ballard, 1837, resigned.			
Abner B. Kelly, 1842, dismissed to church in Warner.			
Benjamin Farnum, 1844.			

Nineteen members of the First church have become ministers of the Gospel, viz. : James Scales,† Timothy Walker, Jr.,† Ephraim Abbot, George H. Hough, David Kimball, James Walker,† Joshua T. Russell,† Jeremiah Glines, Samuel G. Tenney, William Clark,

\* The present pastor is a native of Norwalk, Conn.; son of William and Sarah Bouton, and the youngest of fourteen children—born June 20, 1799. At the age of 16 he united with the Congregational church in Bridgeport, Conn., under the care of Rev. Elijah Waterman; fitted for college chiefly with Hawley Olmstead, Esq., of Wilton, Conn., now of New-Haven. A graduate of Yale, in 1821, and of Andover Theological Seminary in 1824. He married for his first wife, Miss Harriet Sherman, [see page 404,] who died leaving two children; for his second wife, Miss Mary Ann P. Bell, who deceased, [see page 442,] leaving five children; for his third wife, Miss Elizabeth Ann Cilley, eldest daughter of the late Horatio G. Cilley, of Deerfield, who has had six children, of whom the three youngest have deceased.

† Deceased.

Henry Wood, Moses Kimball, Henry S. G. French, (deceased,) Horace Herrick, John LeBosquet, Luther Farnum, Ezra E. Adams, William A. Patten, Ezekiel Dow.

#### FRIENDS' MEETING.\*

"A few individuals in Concord, having become convinced of the truth as professed by *Friends*, a meeting for religious worship was set up by Weare Monthly Meeting the 24th of 10th month, 1805, which was to be under the care of, and subordinate to that meeting. The meeting was held for a time in the dwelling-house of Ruth Turner and Sarah Sweatt. In 1814 a lot of land was purchased where the State House now stands, and Friends at Concord, with the assistance of Weare Monthly Meeting, and a donation from William Rotch, of New-Bedford, erected a meeting-house on the same. This lot, being considered a desirable location for the State House, it was sold, and their house removed to a lot given to the Friends for that purpose by Benjamin Hannaford, at the North end. In 1840 the members of that meeting, having many of them removed to other parts, and several of them deceased, it was concluded to discontinue the meeting, and the house was sold to the inhabitants of the school district in which it stood, for a school-house.†

"Following are the names of persons who composed the meeting at different times: Ruth Turner and her daughter Lucy; Sarah Sweatt and her children, Mary E. and Benjamin; Lydia Dunlap, Sarah Arlin; Levi Hutchins, and Phebe, his wife, and children, Ruth, Anna, Harriet, Mary, Lucy, William, Ednah and Samuel; Elizabeth Yates, one of the family; Bethiah Ladd and her son, William M.; Abel Houghton and wife, Sarah, and children, Seba, Abel, Nestor, Mary, Sarah, Lydia and George; Daniel Cooledge and wife, Ruth, and children, Phebe, George F. and William P.; James Sanborn and wife, Mary, and children, Nestor H., Sarah E. H., Marianna M., Caroline A. and Charles H.; Josiah Rogers and wife, Sarah, and children, Sarah and Dana; Israel Hoag and wife, Abigail, and children, Martha and Mary; Ruth Hazeltine and her children, William, Lucy F., John C. and Timothy; Thomas W. Thorndike and wife, Ruth G., and children, Henry, John, Wilson, Mary, Charles H., Lucy P. and Anna D.

"Several others have attended the meeting at different times who had not a permanent settlement here."

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Worship according to the Liturgy of the Episcopal church was commenced in this town in 1817, at which time a few individuals "agreed, and did associate and form themselves into an Episcopal church and congregation, under the name and style of St. Thomas' chapel." The agreement was signed by eighteen individuals, of

\*Furnished by Thomas W. Thorndike, now of Weare.

†The building is occupied for the primary department in School District No. 11, in the rear of the brick school-house.

whom eleven were heads of families. In 1818 the Rev. Charles Burroughs was appointed rector, and occasionally officiated; occasional services were also conducted by Rev. Messrs. Andrews and Searle, 1817, '18, '19; and in 1819 to 1823 by Rev. John L. Blake, who was appointed rector. During a part of the first year of the formation of the society, public worship was attended in the hall over the Concord Bank; subsequently, about two years in the town hall, and afterwards a chapel was fitted up over a store, called the "Green store," standing where the American House now stands.

Rev. Mr. Blake leaving here in 1823 the meetings of the society were discontinued, except occasionally, until July, 1835, when a new organization was formed and subscribed by twelve individuals, under the name and style of the "Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's church," and the Rev. Moses B. Chase, of Hopkinton, chosen rector, who officiated here a part of the time for one year.

In 1836 the committee for Domestic Missions constituted this place a missionary station, and the Rev. P. S. Ten Broeck was invited to accept the appointment of missionary, (which he did for two years,) and to become the rector. Mr. Ten Broeck officiated here until October, 1844. In 1836 a subscription was started, to procure funds for building a church edifice, in which the late John West, Esq., took an active part. He suddenly deceased, on the 17th of October of that year, aged 48. In 1838 the effort was successfully renewed by a committee, consisting of Albe Cady, Leavitt C. Virgin and Isaac Hill, and on the 1st of January, 1840, the present church edifice was dedicated by the venerable Bishop Griswold, who, on the following day, instituted the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck the rector of the parish. On the 6th of July, 1843, Albe Cady, Esq., for many years senior warden of the church, deceased, aged 73. Mr. Cady was one of the first movers (1817) in the effort to establish the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this town. In the absence of a rector he usually read the service on the Sabbath. He was highly esteemed for his integrity as a man and his usefulness as a citizen. His death was deeply deplored by the church, to which he was ardently attached.

Mr. Ten Broeck having resigned his charge in October, 1844, the Rev. Dairus R. Brown succeeded him the 24th of November, of the same year. The number of communicants in the church in June, 1845, was forty-five; the number of the families in the parish, thirty, and the number of persons attending public worship, from one hundred to one hundred and fifty. Mr. Brown resigned in 1846, having accepted an invitation to Newport, R. I. He was succeeded immediately by the Rev. Thomas Leaver, who deceased, after a short illness, on the 23d of December, 1847, aged 33 years. Mr. Leaver was born in Slough, in the county of Buckingham, Eng., January 23, 1815. His parents were members of the Church of England. In early youth he became connected with the Baptist denomination, and at the age of about 20 he entered Stepney College with the view of preparing himself to labor in the missionary field. In 1837 he went to the Bahamas, to join the Baptist mission in those islands.

After laboring there about two years he came to this country, and was settled over a Baptist church in Newport, R. I., where, enjoying the confidence and affection of the people, he remained till 1846, when he felt constrained by convictions of duty to resign his charge, and, after a suitable time of study, to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry of the Episcopal church. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Henshaw, in Zion church, Newport, in August, 1846, and about three months afterward came to Concord, where he preached just one year. During the brief period of Mr. Leaver's ministry he proved himself a faithful shepherd, and his death was a deep affliction to the parish. His funeral sermon was preached by the bishop of the diocese, Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D. The ministers of the town attended as bearers. His remains were interred in the old burying-ground in Concord, and a suitable monument has been erected over them by the Baptist church in Newport, of which he was formerly pastor, and who claimed this privilege as an opportunity of testifying their unabated love of his memory. Mr. Leaver left a wife and five children, who, having the sympathies of the entire community, still continue their residence in the place.

On the 27th of February, 1848, the present rector, Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D.,\* was elected; at which time the number of communicants was forty-four, and the number of families thirty-three. "At this present time the condition of the parish is very encouraging—free from debt, with a church edifice in excellent repair, and an increasing congregation. It may be regarded as permanently established."

Relative to Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, whose services in the ministry of the church here closed in 1844, it will be interesting to his numerous friends to add, that Mr. Ten Broeck was born in Albany, N. Y., January 26, 1792, and was baptized in the old Dutch Reformed church by the Rev. Mr. Westilow. He was a lineal descendant, on his mother's side, of the last Dutch governor of New-York, Peter Stuyvesant, 1647. His parents removing to New-York city, he there pursued preparatory studies. He graduated at Columbia College; studied theology with the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., and was admitted to deacon's orders June 30, 1816, in St. Anne's church, Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1817 he was rector of Trinity church, in Fishkill, and had charge also of St. Philip's church, at Philipstown, and of St. Peter's church, in Peekskill, N. Y. In 1818 he was chosen to the rectorship of St. Paul's church, in Portland, Me., in which place he married Miss Lucretia M., daughter of the Hon. Levi Cutler, of that city. Resigning his charge in 1831 he subsequently officiated at Cape Elizabeth, in Falmouth, and at Saccarappa, in the town of Westbrook, Me. His next field of ministerial labor was Concord, where he continued from 1836 to 1844. Resigning his charge on account of impaired health, he purchased a beautiful residence in Danvers, Mass., whither he removed with his family, and remained without parochial charge, but preaching occasionally, as he

\* See "Parker Family." Mr. Marble was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1834.

was able, until his death, which occurred January 21, 1849. In the funeral discourse preached by the Bishop of Massachusetts, the character of Mr. Ten Broeck was set forth in the following words: "He failed not, in dispensing the Gospel, to declare to his hearers those cardinal doctrines, of man's fallen condition by nature; his need of the new birth by the Spirit, and the great doctrine of justification by faith in Christ. By his life, moreover, he commended what he taught."\*

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

There had been occasional preaching by the Methodist preachers appointed in the Pembroke circuit, from 1816 to 1822. Mr. Philbrick Bradley, on the Mountain, was the first man who opened his door for these meetings. In 1822 a class was formed in the vicinity of Stickney hill, by Rev. Jotham Horton and Ezekiel W. Stickney. Meetings were mostly held in school-houses and private dwellings. For quarterly meetings the town hall was occupied.

The first legal society was organized in 1825, and Rev. John Brodhead, a member of the Legislature from Newmarket, frequently preached here. In July, 1830, Concord became a station, and Rev. Samuel Kelley was the first stationed preacher; at which time there were two small classes — one at Stickney Hill, and the other on the east side of the river — both numbering less than twenty-five members, scattered ten miles apart. Mr. Kelley also officiated as chaplain at the State Prison, and was allowed one dollar a Sabbath for his services there, — his whole compensation in town for the year being about one hundred and sixty dollars. During the year 1830 the present Methodist church, or chapel, was built. At the close of the year there were thirty-four members in church. Mr. Kelley was reappointed in 1831, but his health failing, his place was supplied by Rev. D. J. Robinson and others.

The other preachers stationed in Concord since 1831, are Rev. John G. Dow, 1832; George Storrs, 1833-4; Samuel Hoyt, 1835; James W. Mowry, 1836; James M. Fuller, 1837-8; William H. Hatch, 1839-40; John Jones, 1841-2; Converse L. McCurdy, 1843; Eleazer Smith,† 1844; C. C. Burr, 1845; Ebenezer Peaslee, 1846-7; Charles Adams, 1848. Mr. Adams was a Professor in the Biblical Institute. Frederic A. Hewes, 1850-1; Warren F. Evans, 1852-3; Samuel Kelley, 1854-5. Stationed here again, after an

\* To the note on the preceding page should be added that Rev. Dr. Marble was born at Bradford, Mass., Sept. 1, 1808. After graduating, in 1834, he was preceptor of Hampton Academy, and of Franklin Academy, in Dover; in 1838, was instructor in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the Classical Institute at Peterborough, Va., and subsequently Principal of the same; studied Theology in the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in New-York, and afterwards in Philadelphia; admitted to Deacon's Orders Sept. 7, 1843; to Priest's Orders in 1844; was minister of Trinity Church, in Bridgewater, Mass., till May, 1845, when elected Rector of Christ's Church, Salmon-Falls; was Principal of a Classical School in Taunton, Mass., in 1846; married Sarah H., daughter of Asa Freeman, Esq., of Dover, 1847; and elected Rector of St. Paul's Church, in Concord, in 1848.

† Rev. Mr. Smith's health failed towards the close of the first year; and after partially recovering, he received the appointment of chaplain to the State Prison, and was annually reappointed until June, 1855.

absence of twenty-two years : at the close of the year 1854, he returned two hundred and seven members and twenty-six probationers.\*

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

On the 20th of May, 1818, a number of persons residing in Concord, and belonging to different Baptist churches, met at the house of Mr. Richard Swain, in said town, for the purpose of ascertaining what degree of fellowship existed among them in the faith and order of the gospel ; and also to consider what were the prospects of forming a church agreeable to the principles and practice of the apostles of our Lord. After a free and full consideration of the first object before them, the following persons gave to each other an expression of their christian fellowship, viz., James Willey, John Hoit, Sarah Bradley, Deborah Elliot, Sally Swain and Nancy Whitney.

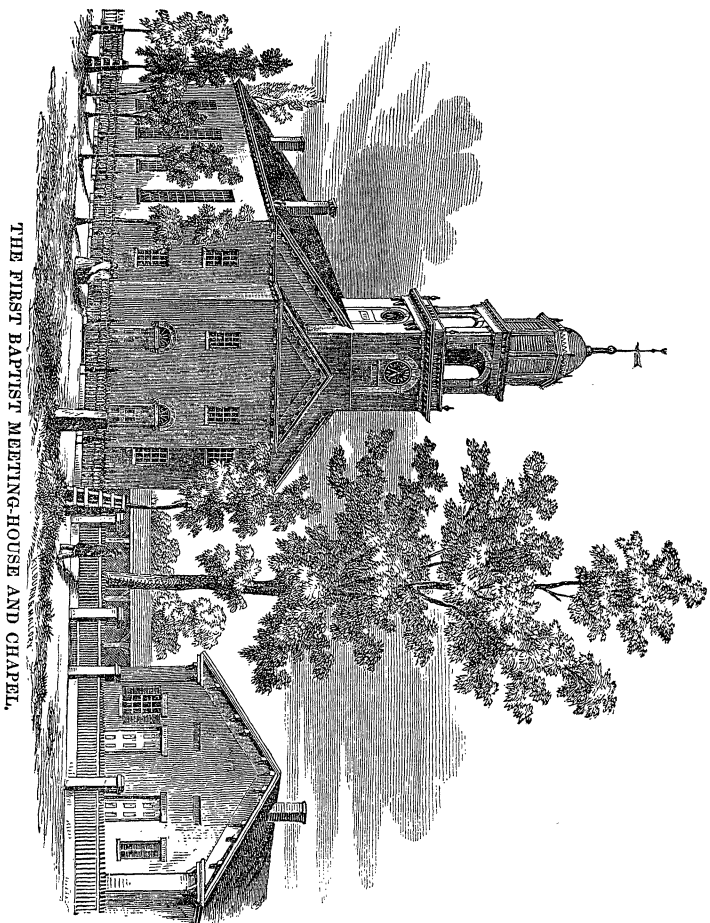
On the 28th of the same month, the record says, "an adjourned session of the same meeting was held at the house of Mr. Nathaniel Parker, at which meeting three sisters related their Christian experience, and made a brief statement of their views of Christian doctrine, after which those present expressed to them their Christian fellowship."

The next act of that meeting was "to listen to the Christian experience of Mr. Oliver Hoit, and to agree to receive him to the fellowship of the church, when he shall have been baptized." At this meeting brethren from the church in Bow were present by invitation, to advise in reference to the constitution of a church. The brethren, having examined the subject, unanimously advised this small band of disciples to embody and organize. On the 23d of September, 1818, a council of neighboring churches was held at the house of Rev. William Taylor, and a church was constituted, of fourteen members. The public services on the occasion were attended at the "Green house." Elder Gibson preached ; Elder Robinson gave the hand of fellowship, and Elder Veasey offered prayer.

The church edifice was erected in 1825, and was opened for religious worship January, 1826.† The house stands on land given by the late Col. William A. Kent, on State street, and was originally seventy feet long and fifty wide, containing seventy-two pews on the floor, and thirty in the galleries. In 1835 it was remodeled, and eight more pews added. In 1845 the house was enlarged by the addition of twenty feet to the north end ; the galleries removed ; modern windows inserted, and the whole inside newly finished. The house

\* Mr. Kelley was a native of Salem, N. H., born February 1, 1802. His father, Richard Kelley, was out one campaign in the Revolutionary war ; his mother was a daughter of Rev Samuel Fletcher, of the Baptist denomination. Samuel was the youngest of ten children. At the age of eighteen he professed religion. After studying a while at Atkinson and Newmarket academies, in 1822, he entered the travelling ministry, and has since spent the most of his time in New-Hampshire and Vermont ; having been stationed in Landaff, Sutton, Deering, Sandwich, Gilmanton, Newmarket, Concord, Nashua, Portsmouth, Great Falls, Dover, Manchester and Bristol, in this State, and at Athens, Newbury, Montpelier and Danville, Vt.

† An excellent representation of the house and chapel is given on the opposite page.



THE FIRST BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE AND CHAPEL.



is furnished with an excellent organ, a clock, and a chandler lighted with gas.

Rev. William Taylor was settled as pastor of the church at its constitution, and continued in that relation until January, 1826, when he was succeeded by Rev. Nathaniel W. Williams. In April, 1831, Mr. Williams requested a dismission; and, after being destitute of a settled minister for six months, the church invited Rev. Ebenezer E. Cummings, then of Salisbury, to become their pastor, and he was settled March, 1832.

During the ministry of Rev. Mr. Taylor, a period of seven years, the church admitted to its fellowship thirty members. During the ministry of Rev. Mr. Williams, a period of five years and a half, fifty-four were added. On the settlement of Rev. Mr. Cummings the church numbered one hundred. During his ministry, a period of nearly eighteen years, the number of members added was about six hundred. The whole number of members, December 1, 1849, was two hundred and eighty-four. Rev. Mr. Cummings having received a call to enter another field of labor, resigned his charge in May, 1850, and was succeeded by Rev. Charles W. Flanders, from Beverly, Mass., who was installed January 13, 1851.

In the year 1853 a beautiful and commodious chapel was built, and dedicated with appropriate services on the evening of December 1. In 1854 the meeting-house, for the third time, was improved more extensively and at a greater expense than at any former time. A new bell has since been added, and the house, which is well represented by the accompanying cut, may be regarded as one of the best in the State. Under the ministry of the present pastor the church is in a flourishing condition, and numbers two hundred and eighty-eight.\*

The first pastor, Rev. William Taylor, to whose labors and wise counsels the church must ever be greatly indebted, died in Schoolcraft, Mich., June 7, 1852, aged 68. Rev. Nathaniel West Williams was a man of singular prudence and knowledge of human nature. In younger life he had followed the sea, and was captain of a vessel. He was sound in doctrine; an instructive and impressive preacher; a faithful pastor, and an exemplary Christian. He died in Boston May 27, 1853, aged 69.

The following persons have served as deacons in this church, viz.: James Willey,† William Gault,† Charles P. Crockett,† Benjamin Damon, John A. Gault,† and Abraham Prescott.

#### THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL, OR UNITARIAN SOCIETY.‡

The Second Congregational (Unitarian) Society in Concord, was formed on the 8th of August, 1827. The Society worshipped in

\* Charles Worthen Flanders, son of Joseph and Anna Flanders, was born in Salisbury, Mass., February 3, 1807; was married to Mary H. L. O'Brien, of Boston, May 14, 1846; graduated at Brown University in 1839; passed his theological course under the instruction of Rev. John Wayland, then pastor of the First Baptist church in Salem, Mass. His first settlement was over the First Baptist church in Beverly, Mass., where he was pastor ten years. His second settlement was over the First Baptist church in this city.

† Deceased. ‡ Furnished by Col. William Kent.

the court room of the town hall until the completion of their meeting-house, which was dedicated on the 13th of November, 1829. Rev. Moses G. Thomas, who had for a few Sabbaths preached as a candidate, was invited to settle with the Society as their pastor. He accepted the invitation, and was ordained on the 25th of February, 1829. The services of ordination took place in the North meeting-house, which was kindly offered to the Society. A church was gathered the same day, consisting of 8 members, since which time to the present there have been added 169.

Rev. Mr. Thomas continued as pastor until the first of April, 1844, a period of fifteen years, when he was dismissed at his own request.

Rev. Mr. Tilden, now of Walpole, was engaged to supply the pulpit as pastor, whose labors extended to July, 1847—a period of three years. The Society were without a stated pastor until the 1st of August, 1849, when Rev. Augustus Woodbury was ordained, who continued as pastor for a period of three years, and was dismissed at his own request.

Rev. Artemas B. Muzzey, of Cambridge, Mass., was installed as pastor on the 29th of March, 1854, and is the present pastor of the Society.\* The church edifice of the Society was destroyed by fire on the 2d of November, 1854, caused by a defect in the gas pipes which had been previously introduced. The loss to the Society by the destruction of their church and organ was not less than \$10,000. Notwithstanding this severe loss, the Society, with a commendable spirit, have subscribed the sum of \$11,000, and a contract has been made for the erection of a new church on the same site, the land being a gift to the Society from the late Hon. William A. Kent.

#### WEST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Previous to 1832 all the people in the West Parish, of the Congregational order, attended public worship at the old North meeting-house. In November, 1831, it was decided to form a new religious society, and build a meeting-house in that section of the town. The house was completed and dedicated "to Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost"—January 15, 1833. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Bouton, from Gen. 13: 8. On the first Sabbath in March, the same year, the Rev. Asa P. Tenney began his labors there as a candidate. While he was preaching in that capacity a request was presented to the First church, signed by twenty-seven males and sixty-one females residing in the west part of the town, for letters of dismissal and recommendation, for the purpose of being organized into a new church, which request was granted unanimously. On the 23d of

\* Rev. Mr. Muzzey was born at Lexington, Mass., Sept. 21, 1802; son of Amos Muzzey and Lydia, formerly Boutelle, of Leominster, Mass.; graduated at Harvard College, 1824, and studied at the Cambridge Theological School. Was licensed to preach July, 1825. He was ordained at Framingham, Mass., June 10, 1830; resigned in May, 1833. Was installed at Cambridgeport, Jan. 1, 1834, and resigned in May, 1846. Entered on pastoral office of "Lee Street Church," Cambridge, in July, 1846; resigned in March, 1854, and installed at Concord, March 27, 1854.

April, in the forenoon, the church was organized, composed of the aforesaid members. Rev. John M. Putnam preached, from Isaiah 40 : 31. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Tenney was installed pastor. Rev. George Punchard, of Plymouth, preached from 1 Thes. 5 : 12, 13. Rev. Mr. Tenney still remains pastor of the church. His labors have been highly acceptable and useful. The church has steadily increased; but in some years there have been seasons of revival, in which large accessions have been made. From June to December, in 1833, the additions were twenty-nine; in 1834, twenty-nine; in 1838, thirty-six; in 1843, fifty-three were added. The whole number added after the organization of the church to the close of 1853, was two hundred and thirty-two — making in all, including eighty-nine at its organization, three hundred and twenty-one members.\*

#### SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

In 1836, the First Congregational church and society having become too numerous to be well accommodated in their house of worship, a number of individuals, residing in the southerly part of the village, procured a lot of land and erected a new house of worship at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, about one mile south of the old house.

At the dedication of the house, which was noticed in due order, (p. 437,) the exercises were : Invocation, by Rev. M. Kimball, Hopkinton; the Reading of Scripture, by Rev. O. G. Thatcher, Bradford; Prayer, by Rev. J. Scales; Sermon, by Rev. N. Bouton; Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. A. Burnham; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. A. P. Tenney; Benediction, by Rev. N. Bouton.

The following original hymn, written by N. G. Upham, was sung on the occasion, to the tune of Old Hundred :

#### DEDICATION HYMN.

##### I.

To thee, O God, with joy we raise,  
In these thy courts, our songs of praise,  
And dedicate this shrine to thee,  
Sacred, incarnate Mystery.

##### II.

So when thy chosen temple rose  
O'er Judea's land of fearful woes,  
Thy children met in gladness there,  
To consecrate thine house with prayer.

##### III.

And now, in Western lands afar,  
Led hither by thy Bethlehem star,  
God of our fathers ! while we here  
Erect thine altars, be thou near !

\* Rev. Mr. Tenney was born in Cornish, Vt., February 4, 1801 — a son of Jonathan Tenney and Anna Bailey; studied at Haverhill Academy, and read divinity with Rev. Grant Powers, in Haverhill; was settled in Hebron and Groton, April, 1828, where he remained five years.

## IV.

Here be thy power and glory known  
By clouds of incense from thy throne :  
And here, the broken-hearted soul,  
At touch of thine, be rendered whole.

## V.

These sacred symbols often prove  
To grateful hearts thy dying love ;  
And life's young hours with joy begin  
With sprinklings from thy crystal spring.

## VI.

Here may thy banner wave abroad,  
Inscribed with " Holiness to the Lord ;"  
And peace and love long years to come,  
Make this our favored Gospel Home.

In the autumn of that year sixty-seven members of the First church—twenty-two males and forty-five females—asked and received a dismission, for the purpose of being formed into a new church, in connection with the new house.

A council of neighboring churches was convened, by their pastors and delegates, February 1, 1837, and in the evening the church was organized in due form. Rev. Rufus A. Putnam read the Scriptures and invoked the divine blessing; Rev. Abraham Burnham prayed before sermon; Rev. John M. Putnam preached; Rev. N. Bouton propounded the Articles of Faith and Covenant; Rev. Jacob Scales offered consecrating prayer; Rev. Asa P. Tenney gave the right-hand of fellowship, and Rev. Moses Kimball offered the concluding prayer.

On the 20th of February, 1837, the church gave a call to Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, then tutor in Dartmouth College, to settle with them in the ministry. The call was accepted and Rev. Mr. Noyes ordained May 3, 1837. On this occasion Rev. Mr. Bouton preached the sermon; Rev. William Patrick offered the ordaining prayer; Rev. A. Burnham gave the charge; Rev. Asa P. Tenney gave the right-hand of fellowship, and Rev. Mr. Clement, of Chester, addressed the people.

Rev. Mr. Noyes, having received the appointment of Philips Professor of Divinity in Dartmouth College, resigned his charge, and his pastoral relation was dissolved October 10, 1849.\* Under his ministry the church was highly prosperous—the number of members having increased to about two hundred and twenty.

As successor to Mr. Noyes, Rev. Henry E. Parker, a native of Keene—a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1841, and of the Theological Seminary in New-York—received and accepted a call to settle.

\* Rev. Daniel J. Noyes was a native of Springfield, N. H.; was born September 17, 1812; fitted for college at Pembroke Academy, and graduated at Dartmouth in 1832; taught a part of the next year in the preparatory school of Caledonia College, Washington, D. C.; commenced the study of theology at Andover in 1833; was appointed tutor in Dartmouth College in 1835. After resigning his charge at Concord he entered on the duties of professor in college November 1, 1849.

He was installed May 14, 1851, and remains still in office. The church now numbers two hundred and sixty-seven members; sustains a highly flourishing Sabbath school, and abounds in works of benevolence to spread the Gospel.\*

#### EAST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

In the year 1841 a new house for public worship was erected on the east side of the Merrimack river, principally by members of the First Congregational church and society there residing. In March, 1842, a request was presented to the First church, signed by forty-four members residing in that part of the town, viz., fourteen males and thirty females — requesting letters of dismission and recommendation, for the purpose of being organized into a new church, which request was granted. The East Congregational church was organized by a council of neighboring churches, on the 30th of March, 1842, and Rev. Timothy Morgan, from the Theological Seminary at Gilmanton, was engaged to supply the pulpit. Mr. Morgan continued his labors more than a year, and the church was considerably enlarged. After closing his labors, Rev. Hiram Freeman was invited to settle, and he was ordained September 27, 1843. Rev. Mr. Freeman was highly acceptable and useful, but being deeply impressed with the wants of our Western country, and of the importance of spreading the influences of the Gospel there, tendered his resignation, and was dismissed from his charge in June, 1845. On the 24th of March, 1847, Rev. Winthrop Fifield, former pastor of the Congregational church in Epsom, having accepted a call from the church and society, was installed as pastor. Mr. Fifield continued his services with good success, but under embarrassing circumstances, about three years, when the pastoral relation was dissolved, agreeably to the advice of an ecclesiastical council. In 1850 the church consisted of one hundred and six members — thirty-four males and seventy-two females. June 25, 1851, the Rev. Henry A. Kendall, who had been pastor of the church in Dublin, N. H., was installed pastor of the East church, and has continued his labors with encouraging success till the present time.†

#### THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.‡

The Universalist society in this city was organized January 5, 1842. Its church edifice, on the corner of State and School streets, was erected the same year, at a cost of about \$4000. The ministers of the society have been Rev's Ezekiel Dow, J. F. Witherell, W. H. Ryder, Thompson Barron and John Moore.

\*For further particulars see Records of the First and South churches, and Rev. Mr. Bouton's twenty-fifth Anniversary Discourse.

† The Rev. Henry A. Kendall was born Aug. 6, 1810, at Leominster, Mass.; studied theology at Gilmanton Theological Seminary; ordained over the Congregational Church in Dublin in 1840.

‡Furnished by Rev. John Moore.

A church was organized in connection with said society, December 28, 1843, numbering now about thirty members. The society and congregation now number about one hundred paying male members, which would be much increased if the house of worship was larger. Measures are about being taken by the friends of this Society to furnish themselves with the much needed room in their place of worship, and to place in it a suitable organ.\*

#### FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.†

The Free-will Baptist church of Concord was gathered under the labors of Rev. John Kimball, in 1844. Some time in 1845 or 1846 the society built their present house of worship, on the corner of Centre and Green streets. In 1847 Rev. S. T. Catlin became pastor of this church. He was succeeded, in 1849, by Rev. E. J. Helme, who soon was suddenly removed by death. Soon after his death Rev. A. D. Smith became the pastor of this church. He resigned in 1852, and was immediately succeeded by Rev. A. Caverno. In 1853 Rev. Hiram Whitcher, its present pastor, took the charge of this church. Since that it has been remodelled,‡ and now it numbers eighty members, with a congregation of between two and three hundred, and a Sabbath school of one hundred scholars.

The distinctive doctrines of this church are as follows :

1. *Baptists*—Holding that *true* faith in Jesus Christ, and its profession before the world, are pre-requisites to baptism, and that *plunging* is the Apostolic *action* of baptism.
2. *Arminians*—Believing in a general atonement; in a full and free salvation, and in man's power of volition and choice.
3. *Open communion*—Permitting all true Christians—and *no others*—to come to the Lord's table with us.
4. *Trinitarians*—Believing Christ to be both human and divine—the *God-man*; one with the Father; of the same nature, and worthy of the same honor.
5. *Congregational*—In government.

\* Previous to the annual election in March, 1855, Rev. Mr. Moore was nominated by the Know-Nothing party as candidate for Governor of the State; but it was ascertained that he had not resided in the State long enough to be eligible to that office. On the 5th of March, about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, while walking in School street, from the railroad dépôt to his house on Green street, he suddenly fell, of disease of the heart, and immediately expired. He was 58 years of age on the day of his death. A new house is now being erected by the society. [Furnished by Rev. Hiram Whitcher.

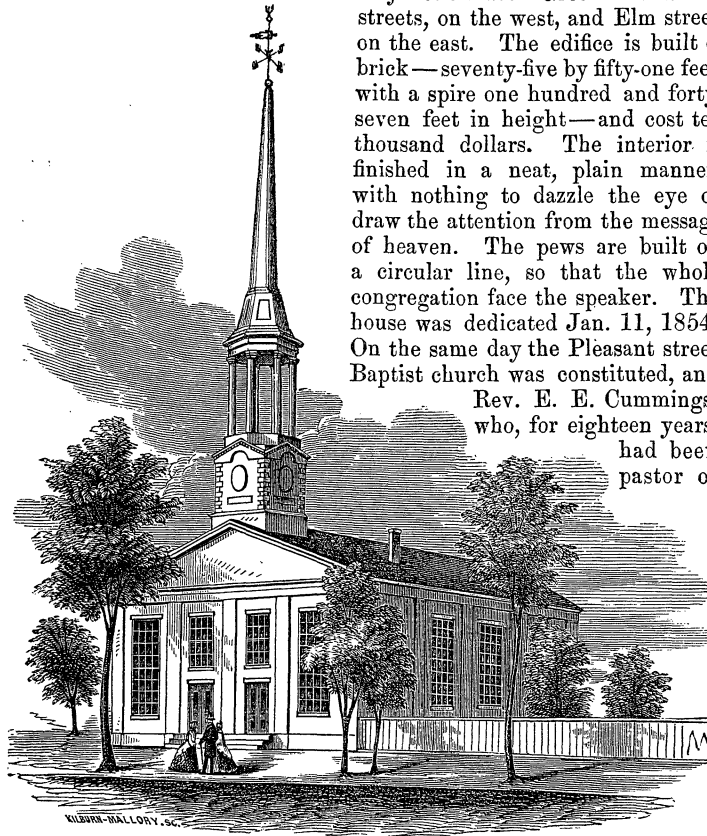
† Rev. Mr. Whitcher, who is now pastor of the South Free Will Baptist Church, was born in Danville, Vt., March 18, 1809. His parents removing to Sweden, Monroe County, N. Y., he there, at the age of sixteen, united with a Christian Baptist Church, and at the age of twenty commenced holding meetings, and exhorting the people to repent. Subsequently he attended Academies, but at the age of twenty-two was ordained to the work of the ministry. Previous to coming to Concord, in 1853, he spent eight years as a preacher in Rochester, N. Y.

‡ Since the foregoing communication was made a second Free Baptist church has been organized, and worship in the house lately owned by the Universalist society, which was purchased and moved to a more southerly location, on State street, where Rev. Mr. Whitcher now preaches.

6. *Total abstinence*, in temperance ; and *anti-slavery* in feeling and action.

PLEASANT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.\*

The Pleasant street Baptist church edifice was erected in 1853 by a few enterprising gentlemen of the First Baptist society of this city. It occupies a very commanding position on Pleasant street, at its junction with Green and South streets, on the west, and Elm street, on the east. The edifice is built of brick—seventy-five by fifty-one feet, with a spire one hundred and forty-seven feet in height—and cost ten thousand dollars. The interior is finished in a neat, plain manner, with nothing to dazzle the eye or draw the attention from the message of heaven. The pews are built on a circular line, so that the whole congregation face the speaker. The house was dedicated Jan. 11, 1854. On the same day the Pleasant street Baptist church was constituted, and Rev. E. E. Cummings, who, for eighteen years, had been pastor of



the First Baptist church, was publicly recognized as its pastor. The church was originally formed with thirty members. It has since received to its fellowship thirty-four, and two having died, leaves its present number sixty-two. There has been gathered during the brief year of its existence a good congregation, and a flourishing Sab-

\*Furnished by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D.

bath school, and every thing foretokens a useful and prosperous society.\*

## CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS.

Besides the foregoing churches there was, in 1833, and perhaps earlier, a Christian Baptist church and society, the members of which resided principally at the Borough and Horse hill.

## SECOND ADVENT SOCIETY.

Since 1843 a meeting has been held in town by those who are called "Adventists," or believers in the personal and visible reign of Christ upon earth, within a definite time. This meeting originated in the excitement about that time, created by what is called "the Miller doctrine."

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## GENEALOGICAL.

## HISTORY OF FAMILIES THAT SETTLED IN CONCORD PREVIOUS TO 1800.

In the execution of this most difficult part of his work, the author has sought, and in some measure, obtained assistance from individual members, or relatives of several of the ancient families of Concord—particularly the Abbots, Ayers, Bradleys, Carters, Chandlers, Eastmans, Elliots, Farnums, Herberts, Kimballs, Merrills, Potters and Walkers. Of these the genealogies may be regarded as complete for the period which they embrace. Facts concerning other families have been arranged in proper order, and a large number of the lists are copied from the town records. The latter are authentic and reliable, as far as they go; but the reader should understand that in many cases only part of a family has been put upon record, and it was not possible for the author to supply the deficiency. Should any members or connections of such families be disposed to complain they will please bear in mind that they have been urgently requested, by public notices, to furnish the author with complete lists; but he has obtained nothing from them. In short, I give them all I possess, freely and impartially.

\*Ebenezer Eelson Cummings, son of Dea. Joseph and Hannah Cummings, a native of Claremont, was born November 9, 1800; graduated at Waterville College, 1828, and ordained over the First Baptist church in Salisbury, September 17, 1831. In 1832 he was settled over the First Baptist church in Concord. Moved to Newark, N. J., June, 1850; moved to Springfield, Mass., November, 1850; moved to Pittsfield in April, 1852; installed as pastor of the Pleasant street Baptist church, Concord, January 11, 1854. Was married to Chloe Brown Humphrey, of Orwell, Vt., in 1831.